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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: McKim *et al.*

Application No.: 09/586,242

Group Art Unit: 1651

Filed: June 2, 2000

Examiner: Brett T. Ozga

For: Improved Toxicity Screening Method

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed accompanying a Request for Continued Examination application and pursuant to a telephone conference with Examiner Brett Ozga on August 30, 2002. Prior to further substantive action in the present application, please amend the claims as follows. Applicants request reconsideration of the application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 39-42 without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.